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STRANGE MENTAL GIFTS.

THE FAIRWORT WEST VIRGINIAN, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Prodigies Who Solved Offhand Diffcult Arithmetical Problems Infant musical prodigles are intel-

ligible and even natural compared with Infant mathematical prodigies. How account for the intuitive faculty by which some thildren, unable to read, write or cipher, can answer instantaneously the most complicated arithmetical problem? Zerah Colburn, e.g. at six could neither write nor cipher and yet could answer, apparently by intuition and unhesitatingly, all kinds of arithmetical questions. At eight he came on show from the United States to London and answered in a moment and accurately such questions as, "How many minutes are there in forty-eight hours?" The child not only answered it at once and correctly, but instantly added the number of seconds contained in that period By what mental process he arrived at these answers he could not explain.

Here again is a question which George Bilder, the son of a Devonshire laborer, answered, at the age of twelve, in one minute. It was put to him in the London Stock Exchange: "If the pendulum of a clock vibrates the distance of nine inches and three-quarters in a second of time, how many inches will it vibrate in the course of seven years, fourteen days, two hours, one minute and fifty-six seconds, each year of 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 55

Within the minute the boy had answered correctly-2.165,625,744%; in miles, 34,178 miles, 475 yards, 2 feet and three-quarters of an inch.

But the classical case of this kind was that investigated by a committee of such scientists as M. Arago, M. Libri and M. Lagroix at Parls. They examined Vito Mangiamele, the son of a Sicilian peasant, eleven years of age, putting to him such questions as: "Find the cube root of 3,796,416," which the boy did within half a minute. "Find the tenth root of 282,475,249," which he did within three minutes. Then came this poser, "What number has the following proportions: That if its cube is added to five times its square, and then forty-two times the number and the number forty be subtracted from the result, the remainder is zero?" M. Arago repeated this question, but while he was faishing the last word the boy replied correctly, "The number is five."

Two things strike you about this extraordinary congenital faculty, its mysteriousness and its uselessness. In exemplification of the two take the case of Jededish Buxton. He also worked out almost instantaneously the most complex problems, but he could give no account of the mental process by which he solved them. This process was so far from being correlated with intellect, or even intelligence, that when Jedediah went to hear a great preacher or went to see Garrick in "Richard III." his sole interest in the sermon or the play was the counting up of the number of words uttered by the preacher or by the actors .- London

#### Primitive Torpedoes.

As long ago as the sixteenth centur, efforts were made in war to sink the enemy's ships by the use of rude contrivances that carried explosives. At least one attempt was made on British ships in the American Revolution, and in 1804 the British tried a species of torpedo on the Boulogne flotilla, then lying in harbor. The device adopted was called a catamaran and "was composed of a lead lined chest measuring twenty-one feet long by three feet three inches broad and having flat top and bottom and wedge shaped ends. Within were about forty barrels of powder and various inflammables, some clockwork machinery and enough ballast to bring the deck of the contrivance to a level with the surface of the water. The outside of the whole was calked. covered with canvas and well tarred. The complete machine weighed about two tons. Upon the withdrawal of a peg the clockwork, after running for a given time, which might be from six ten minutes, would fire a pistol and explode the charge." No valuable results were obtained from it.

#### Socrates and His Vixen.

Whether Socrates went barefoot or not, he made many clever observations in his time. Had the wife of Socrates' bosom been as alluring as Cleopatra we never would have had the contents of his weighty intellect for the mental Illumination and moral improvement of mankind. Verily 'tis an ill wife whose blows have not some inspiration for a philosopher. The wife of Dickens scolded him lavishly, and yet Dickens saw the merry as well as the sad side of life. There is no evidence at hand to show that Mrs. Dickens ever flogged Charles, but in the case of Socrates we find-in Nicholas Murray Butler's "Essay on the Henpecked Greek"-voluminous data to show that Xanthippe not only whacked Socrates over the head with her fist, but lambasted him with the broom of that age. No wonder Socrates walked! No wonder he thought! No wonder he drank hemlock!-Schoolmaster.

#### Mustard Plasters.

The following rule for a mustard plaster that does not blister is given by an experienced trained nurse: Mix about three parts of flour with one part of mustard, moisten it with a little white of egg and spread between two thin pieces of cotton cloth. Do not let it stay on the flesh more than twenty minutes. Its efficacy does not increase after this time. The white of egg prevents the mustard from raising a blister. There is quite a difference in mustard. If the mustard used is mix the plaster with half and half flour and mustard. If very strong mix with three or even four parts of flour to only one of mustard.

I have some fine lots in Morrow I Place yet. H. H. Lanham.

Dungers of the Sea.

The fourth day a perfect mountain of water, the biggest sea I have ever seen in all my life, came towering up and fell on the Roddam. I thought she was foundered, but she shook it off, and we saw that the after deck house and the hand steering gear had been carried away as clean as cutting off the top of a cake. A piece of the truck had got jammed in the wheel chains, and the next bash the rudder got broke the chains. In half a minute we were wallowing helplessly in the trough of the sea, and I knew that another big sea would end the chapter. Getting the men together, I made a try at getting the chain picked up and spliced The steward, who was a brave lad went over the side and got up the loose end. We had tied ourselves together for the work, and that was all that kept us from being washed overboard. In a few minutes we had connected up the chain with a strong strap and were ready to get back amidships when the wreck of the hand steering gear, which was swinging free, came clipping around and caught the steward's leg, taking it off like a butcher chops off a bone.-Metropolitan Magazine.

#### Gifts at Baptism.

Gifts to infants on their baptism are of ancient origin. Formerly the sponsors generally offered gilt spoons to the child. These spoons were called apostle spoons, because the figures of the twelve apostles were carved at the top of the handles. Rich sponsors gave the complete set of twelve, while for those who were not so opulent four was considered the proper number, and poor sponsors would content themselves with offering one. In the latter case the handle of the spoon generally exhibited the figure of any saint in honor of whom the child received its name. It is in allusion to this custom that, when Canmer professes himself to be unworthy of being sponsor to the young princess, Shakespeare makes the king

Come, come, my lord, you'd spare your

The mug or spoon and fork offering of the present day appears as a very debased survival of a real- beautiful christening offering.-Westminster Re

The American Honeymoon

Faithful in few things, the American public yet remains true to an old honeymoon tradition which assigns those to whom Europe is an impossible expense to Niagara Falls and Washing ton, the national capital. In these two centers bridal parties have been since long before the civil war the pride and the prey of hotel men and cabmen, Modern maids may consider them a little old fashioned, but when the time comes to choose a wedding tour the west, the middle west and the rural east of the United States are still true to Niagara Falls and Washington. It is in the spring and summer, when of course the larger number of marriages take place, that these resorts are so popular. In the winter New York Itself is the Mecca of the newly wed.-London Telegraph.

#### Early Horse Race Prizes.

Prizes for winners of horse races hundreds of years ago took curious forms. The earliest was the "briglin d'or," or golden bridle. After this the prize in England was a bell. This idea was taken from the custom among owners of pack horses of decorating the best horse, which led the cavalcade, with a bell, so that on dark nights and in dangerous places the whereabouts of the leader might be known and the others follow boldly. At Carlisle, silver bells were raced for by the moss troopers and dalesmen and specimens of these bells are still retained in the town hall.

Few Solid Gold Dinner Services. They say it is all nonsense talking of solid gold dinner services, for there are not more than three or four of them in the world, and they are too small for use in a party of any size. In many England and also in the United States a quantity of silver gilt plate, which looks precisely the same, is in use, but the feeling prevails that silver gilt is not as "becoming" to other table furniture as pure, dazzling silver plate and that it must be displayed with great discretion.-Boston

Killing Rare Birds.

Commenting on the craze for killing rare birds wherever they may be found, a writer in London Truth says: 'I should have thought that the fact that a bird is rare would be reason for not killing it. I suppose the idea is that, however rare a bird is, something may still be done to make him rarer."

The following whimsical account of the nature of a splendid comet is given in an old French military journal: 'It is a parcel of old stars who being no longer fit for service, have been discharged on half pay and, to save expense, have agreed to mess to-

Adorer-You still doubt me? Test my love. Bid me attack wild beasts, defy savages, find the north pole, descend into a volcano-anything, no matter what, I will do it. Doubting Girl-Go ask papa.

The Cynic. "Married yet, old man?" "No, but I'm engaged, and that's as good as married."

"It's better, if you only knew it."

"He has a head for business, and yet Be doesn't succeed." "That is because he has no feet for ..."-Cleveland I ender.

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STOLE ELECTIONS FOR THIRTY YEARS.

The ex-Boss of St. Louis Says That the Missouri City is Republican.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 22 .- Col. Ed Butler, the Democratic boss, who is charged with having thrown the city and State to the Republican party, with the sole exception of Joseph W. Folk, whose scalp he was particularly anxious to take, is out in a new role, and yesterday spoke proudly of the election frauds engineered by him in this city during the last thirty

Butler strolled into the Mercantile Trust Company building yesterday talks of the men who have usurped morning, where a reporter spoke to him. A question as to his opinion of the Missouri State election caused the Colonel to smile and say:

"It suits me. If the Republicans do the right thing they can hold this State for many years to come. Immigration from Iowa, Illinois and Kansas, of which about 90 per cent. is favorable to the Republican party, is rapidly changing the political complexion of this State,

"How about St. Louis?"

"Oh, St. Louis," replied the boss, and his eyes twinkled merrily. "Now, let me tell you something about this town," he said, as his voice lowered and he leaned his head over slightly on his hands, which rested on a heavy walking cane. "St. Louis is Republican, too, and if things were on the level here the Democrats could never have elected any mayor save Joe Brown. Joe was elected twice honestly-and he is the only Democrat who did carry St. Louis on the square since the civil war."

"Are you still a Democrat?"

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"Of course, and I intend to die one. But right now, let me say this," and of recovery from Panama of a portion the Colonel raised his head and looked the reported squarely in the face, States in connection with the care 'I have been stealing elections from and it is proposed to call a public the Republicans of this city for thir- meeting of the Colombian bondhold ty years, and I have decided to quit. Yes, sir, quit is the word. I'm like ident Roosevelt to arbitrate as to them boodlers who got consciencestricken and confessed. I've put in Republic ought to pay toward the many a queer lick for the Democratic | Hquidation of Colombia's debt. 

party. In other words, I've got con sciencestricken, tod" Colonel Builer was very calm a

he said this. In fact, the buss is a man who seldem gets exclude. When the reporter suggested giving publicity to his remarkable matement on 'stealing elections" from the Repub

lican party, he very promptly said: "It's all right. Go ahead. I know what I am talking about, and every man in politics here knows the same thing, too. Ed Butler is 69 years old, but he is

still rugged and active, still vindictive and full of the fighting spirit. He has been a Democratic chieftain almost from the day he landed in St Louis a penniless blacksmith out of a job 35 years ago. And when he his functions as "boss" he speaks more in tones of compassion than an

"I knew this town was going to turn down the Democratic ticket this November, because the boys were not out working. The average voter, not politician, has no idea how valuable the boys are on election day. And when the Ecmocrais haven't got the boys with them in St. Louis they can't win. That's all there is to it.

WANT PRESIDENT TO ARBITRATE CLAIM.

Corporation of Foreign Bondholders Seeks to Recover Part of Colombia's Debt.

LONDON, Nov. 23 .- A movement is on foot to get President Roosevelt in arbitrate the difference between Panama and the corporation of for ign bondholders in regard to the Coloni bian debt.

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